Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Student pathways inquiry continues hearings this week

Following a productive Youth Associates' roundtable on Friday, the inquiry into student pathways to in-demand industries will hold two further public hearings in Melbourne this week.

You can <u>watch the live broadcast</u> of the Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee from 9:30 am on Wednesday 26 November and Friday 28 November.

There will be numerous panels on both days, consisting of parents' organisations, artificial intelligence experts, advocates for women in male-dominated industries, organisations supporting refugees and asylum seekers and First Nations representatives.

"We've tried to ensure no stone is left unturned as we look at how we can better support students gain employment in in-demand industries," Committee Chair Alison Marchant said.

"Right now, industries across Victoria are calling out for skilled workers, but too many students are still unsure how to connect education, training and employment."

Last week's public hearings focused on how well our schools and career practitioners are connecting students with TAFE and universities and advice around industry needs.

"We heard from various witnesses who told us that the new VCE Vocational Major has boosted the number of students undertaking vocational education and training, but more needs to be done to encourage students into the industries where jobs are growing," Ms Marchant said.

Head to the Committee's website for this week's full public hearing schedules.

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